

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor Reverend Dr. H. Dean Haun on the occasion of his fifteenth pastoral anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this General Assembly to recognize those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. H. Dean Haun is one such stalwart servant of the Lord, who is celebrating his fifteen-year anniversary as senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Morristown; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dean Haun became a born-again follower of the Lord Jesus Christ in December of 1972 and began serving in the ministry the following year; prior to accepting his current pastorate at First Baptist Church, Morristown, he served as senior pastor at churches in Alcoa, Sparta, and Nashville, as well as Jonesboro, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, since December 2007, he has led the First Baptist Church, Morristown congregation with integrity and divine inspiration, earning the respect and admiration of all who call him pastor; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, First Baptist Church, Morristown has greatly increased the number and variety of community ministries to the Lakeway area, including those focused on disaster relief, medical assistance, and housing and hunger needs, which in turn has enhanced the quality of life and spiritual well-being of the communities therein; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dean Haun helped establish the church's own television channel, 3:16 TV; this television ministry broadcasts live on Sundays on radio stations WCRK and WGSN in

addition to live streaming online; the church also has a smart phone app and its own channel on Roku; and

WHEREAS, eager to give back to the ministry and ensure the perpetuation of the divine gospel, Dr. Haun assisted in establishing the J. Harold Smith Pastors' Training Center, which helps train bi-vocational pastors in East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he has also been deeply involved with ministry in the nation of Israel, spearheading the Harvest of Israel, which ministers to the Messianic followers of Jesus in Israel; he has traveled to Israel numerous times to serve on the American Advisory Board for the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem, and he is also involved with the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee and the Christian Friends of Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haun holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Pastoral Counseling from the University of the Cumberlands, a Master of Divinity degree with an emphasis in preaching from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry/Expository Preaching degree from Trinity College of the Bible and Trinity Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service, he has enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Pam, and their three children and three granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dean Haun has continued to demonstrate excellence in his calling as a man of God; the members of his congregation are proud to call him their pastor, leader, and friend and look forward to his continued spiritual guidance for many years to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Reverend Dr. H. Dean Haun and join with First Baptist Church in

Morristown in celebrating his fifteen-year anniversary in ministry there, extending our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.